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AMENDMENT "D"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action of November 1, 2005. The three-month period to respond expires on February 1, 2006. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below. Robert F. Bodi Name of Attorney for Applicant(s) February 1, 2006 Signature of Attorney